

*Beauty is in the eye of the bee-holder.*

# 2017-2018 Beekeeping Class at the USF Botanical Gardens

Learn from Florida Master Beekeepers in this comprehensive hands-on introduction to basic beekeeping held at the USF Botanical Gardens Apiary. The course is open to all people interested in becoming beekeepers, with an emphasis on the "backyard beekeeper." Over the course of 12 classes, students will learn how to identify activities going on inside the hive, establish a new colony of bees, divide colonies, extract honey, and control swarms. The course will also cover integrated pest management techniques for keeping bees healthy and the basics of re-queening and queen management. In February, students build their own hives. In April, bees are ready to take home.



**\$180 for the Yearlong Course (USF BG Members: \$150)**

Classes are held on the third Saturday of the month, starting on November 18, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students attending 10 of 12 formal classes will receive a Certificate of Completion after the final class on October 19, 2018. Class size is limited, and seats are available on a first come first served basis.

**Please call 813-974-2329 to register.**

**For more information, visit <http://gardens.usf.edu>.**

*The cost of the class does not include materials. Students should purchase veils, hive tools, and smokers before the first class. Additional payment for hive kits is due in February, and payment for bees is due in April. All materials are available for purchase at the Botanical Gardens. Payments must be received by October 15, 2017 (cash, checks, MasterCard or VISA, Discover, Diners Club). Make checks payable to the USF Botanical Gardens. Payments can be made in person, over the phone, or by mail to: 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, NES107, Tampa, FL, 33620. Classes will be held at 12210 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612, on the SW corner of the Tampa campus.*